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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Filing Police Reports Online**

The Alameda Police Department will offer the option to file certain police reports online at [www.AlamedaPolice.org](http://www.AlamedaPolice.org) beginning June 4, 2012.

Occasionally, Alameda residents and visitors are the victims of crimes that have no investigative leads, but, due to insurance, bank, credit card, or phone company requirements, police documentation is needed in order to assist the citizen. The option to file a police report online saves time from having to make a trip to the police station and likely waiting for an officer, thereby expediting the process of documenting the incident. Also, after the report is reviewed and approved by an Administrative Sergeant, the reporting party will be able to print a copy of it for free, from their computer.

Initially, only certain types of reports will be eligible to be filed online. These are for incidents that:

- are not "in progress"
- have no suspect leads
- have no witnesses
- have no related property/evidence to be collected

Examples include:

- Annoying Phone Calls
- Auto Burglary
- Identity Theft
- Lost Property
- Theft
- Vandalism

In addition to the aforementioned criteria, the only requirements for using this service will be that the crime must have occurred in Alameda and **the reporting party must have a valid email address**. More information will be available on the Alameda Police Department's Online Reporting webpage at [www.AlamedaPolice.org](http://www.AlamedaPolice.org) when activated on June 4, 2012.